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SUBJECT: PLO ATTENDANCE AT FIFTH UN CONFERENCE
ON CRIME PREVENTION

1. GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO HAS MADE PUBLIC A LETTER FROM ONTARIO PREMIER DAVIS TO PRIMIN TRUDEAU OBJECTING TO POSSIBLE PLO ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE ON CRIME PREVENTION, SCHEDULED IN TORONTO SEPTEMBER 1 12. "PEOPLE OF ONTARIO WOULD CONSIDER IT AN AFFRONT AND A PROVOCATION IF MEMBERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER CANADA." LETTER STATES THAT SHOULD PLO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND, ONTARIO GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER ITS PARTICIPATION.

2. EXTAFF OFFICIALS TELL US PLO HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION FROM UN TO ATTEND IN OBSERVER STATUS, BUT ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PLO REPLY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN COMMONS, EXTAFF MIN MACEACHEN HAS SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS INVITED BY UN TO CONFERENCE WOULD BE PERMITTED ENTER CANADA FOR THAT PURPOSE, BUT THAT NORMAL VISA POLICIES WOULD APPLY. EXTAFF OFFICIALS INTERPRET LATTER TO MEAN THAT PERSONS OF KNOWN TERRORIST BACKGROUND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ADMITTED.

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3. COMMENT: DAVIS LETTER IN LARGE PART POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED, VIEW LARGE AND POLITICALLY POWERFUL JEWISH
COMMUNITY IN ONTARIO AND PARTICULARLY IN TORONTO.
PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ARE EXPECTED IN ONTARIO NEXT
FALL OR EARLY NEXT YEAR. THREAT TO END ONTARIO PARTICI-
CIPATION IS NOT OVERLY SERIOUS, SINCE PARTICIPATION
INVOLVED ONLY SOCIAL OCCASIONS. HOWEVER,
DAVIS IS PROBABLY ACCURATELY REFLECTING VIEWS OF
SOLID MAJORITY OF CANADIANS. THOUGH CANADA'S OFFICIAL
STANCE ON MIDDLE EAST IS NEUTRAL, AND PUBLIC OPINION
BECOMING SOMEWHAT LESS PRO-ISRAELI, THERE IS LITTLE
SYMPATHY FOR PLO. GOC ABSTENTION ON PLO ISSUE IN
UNGA LAST FALL WAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY SEVERAL PRESS
EDITORIALS AND BY PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION. GOC
PROBABLY DUTY BOUND ADMIT PLO REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD
THEY WISH ATTEND, BUT HOPE IS THAT THEY WON'T.
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